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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, BM

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPASST SECY HEGINBOTHAM

1. DEPASSTSECY HEGINBOTHAM WILL BE VISITING RANGOON ON OR ABOUT MARCH 7-8. HE PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND ONLY TWO DAYS IN RANGOON BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE HIS TIME WITH US, I HAVE PROPOSED (AND HE CONCURS) TO INVITE THE DONOR MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO MEET WITH HIM AS A GROUP. PLEASE EXTEND ON MY BEHALF A TENTATIVE INVITATION TO THE BRITISH, FRENCH, FRG, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS AND THE UNDP RES REP TO MEET WITH HIM. I'D LIKE TO INCLUDE THE CANADIAN ALSO IF HE OR HIS DCM WILL BE IN TOWN. THE DATE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL HEGINBOTHAM'S ITINERARY IS FIRM. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE FOR THEM TO BRIEF HEGINBOTHAM ON THE ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN BURMA BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

2. THE MEETING CAN BE HELD IN MY OFFICE.

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3. HEGINBOTHAM WILL WANT TO MEET WITH THE COUNTRY TEAM BEFORE HE MEETS WITH THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OR ANY GUB OFFICIALS. IN SETTING UP HIS PROGRAM, I SUGGEST YOU PLAN FOR CT MEETING MORNING HIS FIRST DAY WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON.

4. SUGGEST YOU INFORMALLY SOUND OUT MFA ON WHICH OFFICIALS
GUB WILL WANT HIM TO SEE.

5. I REALIZE TIMING OF VISIT CLASHES WITH PYITTHU HLUTTAW
MEETING BUT HEGINBOTHAM'S OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE SUCH THAT
VISIT CAN NOT BE SCHEDULED MORE CONVENIENTLY. YOU MIGHT
WANT TO TELL MFA THAT HEGINBOTHAM IS A KEY SENIOR OFFICIAL
WHO, INTER ALIA, EXERCISES INFLUENCE AND PARTICIPATES IN
THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS ON USG ASSISTANCE MATTERS.
PERHAPS THEY WILL TAKE THE BAIT. VANCE

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